

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An image-processing device that reads an image signal from a solid-state image-pickup element where a plurality of unit pixels each including a transistor for detecting a light signal and a photo diode are arranged in a matrix, the device comprising:

a first shift register connected to a line of the matrix for reading out an image signal, the first register selecting a line where a signal in response to carriers accumulated in an accumulation state for generating carriers in the photo diode in response to received light is read out;

a second shift register connected to a line for clearing an image signal, the second shift register selecting a line for clearing an image signal where residual carriers in the solid-state image-pickup element are discharged from the solid-state image-pickup element; and

a first output circuit that outputs shift data applied to the line for reading out an image signal, ~~based on which selection signal that selects the line for reading out an image signal is output~~, to the first shift register[[,]] when a number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than a total number of lines in the matrix and a condition for picking an image up is changed,

wherein the condition is at least one selected from the group consisting of a change in a frame rate, a change in a shutter speed, and a change in a scanning direction.

2. (Original) The image-processing device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second output circuit that outputs a reset signal to the shift register connected to the line for clearing an image signal when the number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than the total number of lines in the matrix and the condition for picking an image up is changed.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The image-processing device according to claim 1, wherein the first output circuit outputs the selection signal that selects a line for reading out an image signal when generating an interlacing frame according to frame rate.

5. (Currently Amended) An image-processing method of reading an image signal from a solid-state image-pickup element where a plurality of unit pixels each including a transistor for detecting a light signal and a photo diode are arranged in a matrix, the method comprising:

forming a first shift register connected to a line of the matrix for reading out an image signal, the first register selecting a line where a signal in response to carriers accumulated in an accumulation state for generating carriers in the photo diode in response to received light is read out;

forming a second shift register connected to a line for clearing an image signal, the second shift register selecting a line for clearing an image signal where residual carriers in the solid-state image-pickup element are discharged from the solid-state image-pickup element; and

outputting shift data applied to the line for reading out an image signal, ~~based on which selection signal that selects the line for reading out an image signal is output,~~ to the first shift register for reading the line out[[,]] when a number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than a total number of lines in the matrix and a condition for picking an image up is changed,

wherein the condition is at least one selected from the group consisting of a change in a frame rate, a change in a shutter speed, and a change in a scanning direction.

6. (Currently Amended) A solid-state image-pickup device, comprising:
a solid-state image-pickup element where a plurality of unit pixels each including a transistor for detecting a light signal and a photo diode are arranged in a matrix;

a first shift register connected to a line of the matrix for reading out an image signal, the first shift register selecting a line where a signal in response to carriers accumulated in an accumulation state for generating carriers in the photo diode in response to received light is read out;

a second shift register connected to a line for clearing an image signal, the second shift register selecting a line for clearing an image signal where residual carriers in the solid-state image-pickup element are discharged from the solid-state image-pickup element; and

a first output circuit that outputs shift data applied to the line for reading out an image signal, ~~based on which signal for selecting the line for reading out an image signal is output~~, to the first shift register for reading a line out[[,]] when a number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than a total number of lines in the matrix and a condition for picking an image up is changed,

wherein the condition is at least one selected from the group consisting of a change in a frame rate, a change in a shutter speed, and a change in a scanning direction.